

# Give back!

## ‘Tis the season of gratitude and giving.

### MCCSC School Age Care Programs

**501 North Dr., Bloomington 47401**

**Mission:** Provides safe, supervised, activity-based and academic supportive programs for 1300 children outside the realm of the typical classroom. Programs are designed for children 3 to 14 of years of age and are spread out among the 14 Bloomington Elementary Schools.

**Holiday Wish List:** board games and sports equipment (for all ages), batteries, Model Magic, dry erase boards, drawing paper, math manipulatives (play money, unifix cubes, number lines, etc.)

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### MCCSC School Assistance Fund

**315 North Dr., Bloomington 47401**

**Mission:** School social workers work with students, parents and teachers to nurture school success including providing limited financial and material assistance for students in need.

**Holiday Wish List:** coats, mittens, gloves and hats for kids of elementary school ages

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### Mental Health America

**120 W. 7th St., Suite 104, Bloomington 47404**

**Mission:** Mental Health America promotes awareness, acceptance and treatment of mental illness through advocacy, education and support. Provides mental health ombudsman, jail diversion and support groups.

**Holiday Wish List:** gift cards to Target/Wal-Mart for emergency supplies for mental health consumers, stamps, copy paper, mailing labels, gift cards for Staples/Office Depot

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### Middle Way House

**PO Box 95, Bloomington 47402**

**Mission:** Middle Way House offers many award-winning programs and services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, crisis intervention, legal advocacy, childcare, and youth empowerment programs.

**Holiday Wish List:** new gift items for women & children, towels, bedding, diapers, clock radios, women's & children's clothing and footwear, phone & gift cards, televisions, dvd players, kitchen appliances, art supplies.

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### Midwest Pages to Prisoners Project

**118 S. Rogers St., Suite 2, Bloomington 47404**

**Mission:** The Midwest Pages to Prisoners Project sends free reading material to incarcerated people throughout the Midwest for self-education, reflection, and empowerment. Through volunteer service, they spread awareness of issues tied to incarceration and build connections between incarcerated people and their communities.

**Holiday Wish List:** books with the following subjects: how to draw, GED test prep, legal and Spanish to English dictionaries, current almanacs, selling/buying real estate; credits on bookmooch.com or paperbackswap.com.

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### Midwest Proton Radiotherapy Institute (MPRI)

**2425 Milo B. Sampson Ln., Bloomington 47408**

**Mission:** The Midwest Proton Radiotherapy Institute is a leading regional facility providing precision treatment for cancer and benign tumors that require highly accurate doses of radiation. Patients' come to Bloomington from all over the country and remain for approximately eight weeks during treatment.

**Holiday Wish List:** gift cards from Kroger, Marsh, Walmart to be used for patient meals &

activities, gift cards for entertainment such as bowling, movies and other activities, gas cards

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### Monroe County Child Protective Services

**1717 W. 3rd. St., Bloomington 47404**

**Mission:** Child Protective Services protects children from further abuse or neglect and prevents, remedies, or assists in solving problems that may result in abuse, neglect, exploitation, or delinquency of children.

**Holiday Wish List:** small adult or large child's wheelchair for a foster child

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### Monroe County Circles Initiative

**c/o South Central Community Action Program, 1500 W. 15th St., Bloomington 47404**

**Mission:** The Community Action Program exists to provide opportunities for low-income citizens to move toward personal and economic independence. The Circles Initiative works to build relationships across race and class lines and help participants to achieve sufficient money, relationships and meaning in their lives to thrive.

**Holiday Wish List:** fuse beads, dry erase boards, musical instruments, baby dolls/clothes/bed/stroller, construction toys, toy trucks, Cranium, Taboo, Pictionary, Candyland, preschool puzzles, CD player/children's music

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### Monroe County History Center

**202 E. 6th St., Bloomington 47408**

**Mission:** The History Center is a museum, library, and museum gift store in the historic Carnegie Library Building and is dedicated to the preservation and exhibition of the history of Monroe County.

**Holiday Wish List:** photographs of local faces and places, used books, folding tables, pre-1890s US flag, matboard, Indiana fossils, items for annual benefit garage sale or auction

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### Monroe County Humane Association

**3410 S. Walnut St., Bloomington 47401**

**Mission:** Leading, Advocating and Educating for Animal Welfare

**Holiday Wish List:** toys and treats for dogs and cats, bedding (sheets, towels, blankets), canned/dry dog and cat food (Purina or better, Nutro preferred), non-clumping cat litter.

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### Monroe County Public Library

**303 E. Kirkwood Ave., Bloomington 47408**

**Mission:** Serving the community through collections of books, audiobooks, movies and music, programs for all ages, access to internet computers, meeting rooms, Bookmobile and homebound service, ESL classes, VITAL, and CATS channels.

**Holiday Wish List:** digital camera, plastic silverware, paper plates, napkins, cups; children's glue sticks, construction paper (all colors), washable markers, water color sets, crayons; plastic literature holders

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### Monroe County United Ministries

**827 W. 14th Ct., Bloomington 47404**

**Mission:** Monroe County United Ministries provides affordable childcare for working families and basic needs assistance to those in financial crisis.

**Holiday Wish List:** diapers, office supplies,

laminating equipment, foam or cardboard display boards, new socks and underclothes, travel-size and full-size toiletries, art and craft supplies for preschoolers, old cell phones

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### Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

**1010 S. Walnut St., Suite G, Bloomington 47401**

**Mission:** A Bloomington community food pantry, providing healthful, wholesome food to people in need, as well as gardening and nutrition education.

**Holiday Wish List:** waiting room chairs, box cutters, flat screen computer monitor

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### My Sister's Closet of Monroe County

**1010 S. Walnut St., Bloomington 47401**

**Mission:** My Sister's Closet is an organization established to provide work force attire to low-income women pursuing employment. Gently used, quality, affordable clothes are also available for sale to the public.

**Holiday Wish List:** donated retail space (min. 1000 square feet with backroom storage or 1500 square feet), folding table, dorm fridge, wig/hat forms, winter decorations, teapots or tea-oriented items

Contact Information:  
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### Options

**200 E. Winslow Rd., PO Box 1732 Bloomington 47402**

**Mission:** For over 26 years, Options has provided customer-oriented services to people of all ages with disabilities. Options offers customized services in community living, employment and continuing education.

**Holiday Wish List:** printers for kiosks, color inkjets, defibrillator, exercise equipment for customers, portable DVD player, shredder, office supplies of any type

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### PARTNERS

**c/o First United Church, 2420 E. Third St., Bloomington 47401**

**Mission:** A creative arts program for people with memory loss. Provides respite care in a safe, supportive environment that stimulates creative thinking, encourages physical activity, increases social interaction and celebrates self expression.

**Holiday Wish List:** small floor loom, dance (ballet) bar, Apple computer w/printer (desk top), gently used towels to make rag rugs, art materials (watercolors, brushes, paper)

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### People & Animal Learning Services (PALS)

**PO Box 1033, Bloomington 47402 or 680 W. That Rd., Bloomington 47403**

**Mission:** PALS provides Equine Assisted Activities such as therapeutic horseback riding to children/adults with disabilities & at-risk youth. PALS treats riders as individuals focusing on ability rather than disability.

**Holiday Wish List:** computers, small copy machine, grooming supplies, daily warmer, paper folder machine, equine casequin/arthrogen, English tack, calm horses, halters, lead ropes, rainbow reins, and alfalfa/grass hay

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### Pets ALIVE Spay/Neuter Clinic

**6522 Empire Rd., Bloomington 47401**

**Mission:** Pets ALIVE provides affordable spay/neuter services to South Central Indiana by partnering with 16 animal welfare organizations. Pets ALIVE is celebrating its 30,000th spay/neuter surgery since 2005.

Across our community, people are thinking about ways to make positive change. The Holiday Wish List tells you exactly what is needed by our community's service, cultural, environmental and animal aid organizations. These groups work to make our community a compassionate and interesting place to live. You can support this work by providing the tools needed to do a good job. Embrace the season; the holidays are a perfect time to give back!

Wishes are updated online at [www.bloomington.in.gov/volunteer](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/volunteer) or contact the **City of Bloomington Volunteer Network** at **349-3433** or **[volunteer@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:volunteer@bloomington.in.gov)**.

**Holiday Wish List:** gas cards, bleach, detergent, paper towels, distilled water, basic office supplies, computer, plastic crates

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### Pinnacle School

**2427 E. Second St., Bloomington 47401**

**Mission:** A full-time, non-profit school for students in grades K-12 who work best through hands-on learning. Pinnacle gives bright children with dyslexia the tools and strategies to read, spell, write and be successful learners. Pinnacle also offers tutoring, summer academy and diagnostic screening services.

**Holiday Wish List:** solar panels, battery charger and AA batteries, garden hand tools, shovels and spades, watering cans, wheel barrow, picnic tables, limestone bench, birdbath, sun dial, large mixing bowls (3 - 5 quart), non-stick pan set, soccer goals, xylophones & mallets

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### Salvation Army

**111 N. Rogers St., Bloomington 47404**

**Mission:** The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

**Holiday Wish List:** new children's books, new board games, mittens, hats, bus tickets

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### Shalom Community Center

**219 E. 4th St., Bloomington 47408**

**Mission:** The Shalom Community Center is dedicated to relieving the plight of those experiencing homelessness and poverty in South Central Indiana. Open Mon.- Fri. from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Serving two meals a day, breakfast and lunch.

**Holiday Wish List:** diapers, wipes, toiletries, sleeping bags, hats, gloves, scarves, sweaters, coats, socks, blankets

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### South Central Community Action Program

**1500 W. 15th St., Bloomington 47404**

**Mission:** A not for profit organization designed as the Community Action Agency for Monroe, Morgan, Owen and Brown Counties which provides opportunities for low-income citizens to move toward personal and economic independence.

**Holiday Wish List:** for children age 3-5: gloves, mittens, scarves, hats, coats, boots, board games, puzzles, toys, stickers; for adults: gas cards, bus tickets, mittens, hats

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### Special Olympics Indiana - Monroe County

**PO Box 2554, Bloomington 47402**

**Mission:** Special Olympics Indiana — Monroe County offers year-round sports training and athletic competition for children (8 years and over) and adults with intellectual, cognitive or learning disabilities.

**Holiday Wish List:** white printer/copy paper, 5 sports timers, 15-20 lightweight backpacks, golf pull or push carts

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### Stepping Stones

**PO Box 1366, Bloomington 47402**

**Mission:** Stepping Stones provides transitional housing and supportive services to youth, ages 16-20, who are experiencing homelessness.

**Holiday Wish List:** bath towels, washcloths, alarm clocks, storage tubs, heavy-duty doormats, decorations (art, picture frames, rugs), blankets, gift cards (Target, Staples, Kroger), theater and sports events tickets

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### Sycamore Land Trust

**4898 E. Heritage Woods Rd., Bloomington 47401**

**Mission:** Preserving the disappearing landscape of southern Indiana and connecting people with nature through Environmental Education

**Holiday Wish List:** pickup truck, patio table and chairs, place settings of china in good condition, silverware, beverage pitchers, drinking glasses, table cloths, cloth napkins, mulch, topsoil, peat moss, gardening services, bird food, cooking pots and pans

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### T.C. Steele State Historic Site

**4220 T.C. Steele Rd., Nashville 47448**

**Mission:** The mission of the T.C. Steele State Historic Site is to identify, collect, protect, preserve, and interpret the property and history of artist T.C. Steele and his wife Selma.

**Holiday Wish List:** laminator, 60 quart storage container, styrofoam balls 2 1/2-3 inches, holiday ribbon, pipe cleaners (red/green), pony beads (festive colors), popsicle sticks, glitter, tissue paper

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### Templeton-Shalom Family Resource Center

**c/o Templeton Elementary School 1400 Brenda Ln., Bloomington 47401**

**Mission:** The Family Resource Center at Templeton Elementary School works to meet the needs of each one of Templeton's families. It runs many vital programs at Templeton such as the free family market, family playgroup, pre-school story hour, and STEPS family nights.

**Holiday Wish List:** non-perishable food (canned goods, rice, healthy (non-sugar) breakfast cereal, etc.), diapers, baby wipes, gently used or new board books for pre-schoolers

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### Toys for Tots Monroe County

**3219 Allendale Dr., Bloomington 47401**

**Mission:** Through the gift of a shiny new toy, the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation provides joy and hope to disadvantaged children who might otherwise be overlooked during the holidays. Sponsor a toy and give a child recognition, confidence and a positive memory for a lifetime.

**Holiday Wish List:** donations of new toys for disadvantaged children (drop toys off at locations around town — places such as The Herald-Times, Black Lumber and Armvets Past 2000 — through Dec. 15.)

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Bob Sutter  
(812) 336-2972  
www.toysfortots.org

### United Way of Monroe County

**441 S. College Ave., Bloomington 47403**

**Mission:** A non-profit organization that improves people's lives by addressing critical needs today and working to reduce those needs tomorrow.

**Holiday Wish List:** carpeting, color laser printer, copier, laminating machine and supplies, office supply gift cards, portable display unit for exhibits, acrylic display holders, flat panel computer monitors

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### Volunteers in Medicine

**333 E. Miller Dr., Bloomington 47401**

**Mission:** In cooperation with others in the community, provides the following services without cost to the medically underserved in Monroe and Owen Counties: accessible, quality health care; treatment for acute and chronic conditions; health education for patients.

**Holiday Wish List:** Abbott Freestyle test strips, copy paper, note pads, cordless phone, calculators, hospital grade thermometers, band-aids, gauze, kexlex rolls, phisohex, insulin syringes, calendar boards, erase boards, label maker.

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### WFHB Community Radio

**108 W. 4th St., Bloomington 47402**

**Mission:** WFHB exists to provide a neutral forum for the exchange and discussion of ideas and issues and to celebrate and increase the local cultural diversity through music, news, and public affairs programming.

**Holiday Wish List:** printer paper, toner cartridges, inkjet printers, cleaning supplies, SD audio recorders, light bulbs, garbage bags.

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### WonderLab Museum of Science, Health and Technology

**308 W. Fourth St., Bloomington 47404**

**Mission:** WonderLab provides hands-on experiences that make science an exciting and lasting part of children's lives. The museum also is a family destination that helps sustain downtown Bloomington.

**Holiday Wish List:** off-site storage, digital camera with flash, two-button computer mouse, heavy-duty paper shredder, small lathe with mill combo, tabletop bending brake, and more.

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### Youth for Christ/Campus Life

**239 E. Winslow Rd., Bloomington 47401**

**Mission:** Demonstrates the love of Christ to area teenagers, shares the hope that Jesus offers them and serves as a bridge between teens and the local church.

**Holiday Wish List:** snacks/beverages for weekly club meetings, bus or van, new or gently used office furniture, couches/chairs, office cabinets, shelves, work table, storage bins, dry erase boards, cork board tiles, gift cards from restaurants to give away as prizes, digital cameras, video camera, projector, portable sound system, new or gently used desktop computer

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### Youth Services Bureau of Monroe County - Binkley House Youth Shelter

**615 S. Adams St., Bloomington 47403**

**Mission:** Youth Services Bureau of Monroe County provides services, programs, referrals, and advocacy for youth, and community education on issues concerning youth.

**Holiday Wish List:** ping-pong equipment, board games, puzzles, notebooks without spiral binding, hoodies, plain t-shirts, sweatpants (sizes S, M, L, XL; no logos), craft kits, knitted hats, gloves, scarves

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